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REMARKS

With this amendment, claims 38, 39, 43, 45 and 46 remain pending. Claims 1 to 37, 40-42, 44, 47-48 have been canceled without prejudice to applicant's right to pursue the patentability of those claims in a continuation or divisional application.

Applicant appreciates the Office Action's indication of the allowability of claim 40 if rewritten in independent form. In this paper, claim 38 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of original claim 40. Previously withdrawn claims 42, 44, 47-48, all dependent from claim 38, have been canceled. The remaining dependent claims 39, 43, 45 and 46 all depend from claim 38, as amended, and should now be allowable as well.

Applicant has endeavored to address all of the issues raised in the Office Action. In view of the above, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and the allowance of the pending claim is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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